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## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CONFRONTING POST 9/11 VETERANS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY (ITEM NO. 59-A, AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 5, 2013)

On November 5, 2013, the Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs and the County Workforce Investment Board, to report back in 14 days on the unemployment rate confronting veterans in Los Angeles County.

The County Workforce Investment Board indicates, based on statistics received from the U.S. Census Bureau - American Community Survey, the true unemployment rate confronting post 9/11 veterans is at approximately 10 percent (attached). To accurately depict the unemployment rate for veterans, the statistics were separated into three categories: Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labor Force.

The Board motion mentions that recent reports issued by the U.S. Department of Labor indicate the veteran group between the ages of 18 and 24 continue to have a much higher unemployment rate. This is due, in part, to statistics that include veterans who are in school pursuing undergraduate or technical degrees/certifications and disabled veterans who are not actively looking for employment.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Georgia Mattera, Public Safety, at (213) 893-2374.

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Los Angeles County Veteran Population by Age (18-64 years) and Labor Force Status 2012\*

Labor Force Status	Age Group			Veteran Population	Non-Veteran Population	Total Population
	18 to 34 years	35 to 54 years	55 to 64 years			
Employed	19,761	51,317	32,834	103,912	4,205,064	4,308,976
Unemployed	5,416	6,403	3,437	15,256	539,145	554,401
Not in Labor Force **	6,606	8,855	23,043	38,504	1,552,942	1,591,446
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,783</b>	<b>66,575</b>	<b>59,314</b>	<b>157,672</b>	<b>6,297,151</b>	<b>6,454,823</b>

\*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey, Table B21005

\*\*as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, includes retired persons, students, institutionalized and others not actively looking for employment.